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SUBJ: US-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS: NGUYEN CO THACH'S
VISIT TO PARIS

REF: PARIS 37457

1. SRV DEPUTY FONMIN NGUYEN CO THACH, WHO IS MAKING HIS SECOND VISIT TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, ASKED TO STOP OFF IN PARIS TO CONTINUE HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRENCH, PRIMARILY ABOUT THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS. DURING HIS SECOND VISIT, THE PRINCIPAL CONVERSATIONS TOOK PLACE AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED JANUARY 22 BY THE QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL, JEAN SOUTOU. THE CONVERSATION WAS, AS EXPECTED, PRIMARILY ABOUT FRANCO/VN PROBLEMS; HOWEVER, THACH, IN GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSION, SPOKE BRIEFLY OF US/VIETNAMESE RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ASIA NOIVILLE, WHO WAS PRESENT, THACH SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS STILL PESSIMISTIC ABOUT US INTENTIONS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOME POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVEMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE KISSINGER WAS NO LONGER SECRETARY OF STATE. AS IN THE PAST THACH REFERRED TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ITS ARTICLES 8-B AND 21. HE ALSO SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT HANOI WAS NOW AWAITING THE US DECISION ABOUT WHEN THE

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NEXT US/VIETNAMESE MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE.

2. NOIVILLE COMMENTED THAT THE BASIC THRUST WAS DOWNBEAT, ALONG THE LINES OF THE "NHAN DAN" ARTICLE ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION ADDRESS. HOWEVER THACH, WITH HIS USUAL SUBTLETY, LEFT A DELICATE INTIMATION OF SOME OPENMINDEDNESS IN HANOI. THE FRENCH

CONCLUDED THAT THE SRV POSITION WAS ONE OF "WAIT AND
SEE." NOIVILLE ALSO THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS AN ELEMENT
OF TACTICS IN THE SRV POSITION IN THAT IT PUT THE US
"TO THE TEST" IN CALLING FOR A US INITIATIVE.
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